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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report #4 - As of 6:00 A. M. EDT)

1. Countercoup forces under Major General Suharto have taken the initiative from Lt. Col. Untung's coup group and appear to have strategic points of Djakarta under control. Sporadic gunfire has been reported, but no major clashes have taken place. Forces reportedly lining up with Suharto include the West Java Siliwangi Division (the army's largest division), the navy, including the marine corps, and the police. Suharto also claims to have the pledged support of most army commands, although confirmation of this is lacking.

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2. Of the presidential guard regiment--a principal element in the coup--apparently only one battalion has remained loyal to the Untung group. The air force of Air Marshal Dani seems to continue its support, although it has apparently taken no effective action. The main ground force element in support of the 30 September group is the Diponegoro Division of Central Java. Major elements of this division under Col. Suherman are reported to be in open revolt against Suharto.

3. The Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) has placed itself clearly on the side of the 30 September movement. The PKI newspaper Harian Rakjat declared in a banner headline this morning that Untung had "saved the President and the Republic." This paper also published an apparently fabricated order allegedly signed by Sukarno placing the army under the command

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of Major Gen. Pranoto, the chief of army personnel. These actions were taken despite an announcement by Brig. Gen. Umar, chief of the Greater Djakarta Command that Djakarta was under a "state of War," and that no papers could be published without his permission. A senior official of the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Department stated his conviction that the 30 September movement is a communist attempt to seize power.

4. There are over 2,000 American citizens in Indonesia. US Naval vessels have been ordered south from the Vietnam area for evacuation purposes if necessary.

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The Indonesian Situation
(Report #5 - As of 11:00 A.M. EDT)

1. The situation in Djakarta remains relatively calm and martial law is in effect. Troops of the crack West Java Siliwangi Division--pledged to accept orders only from Sukarno himself--are presently in control of the capital.
2. Lt. Col. Untung and Air Marshal Dani are reported to have fled Djakarta to the Semarang area (about 150 miles east of Djakarta) during the night of 1 October. In this area, elements of the Central Java Division under Col. Suherman are continuing their support of the Revolutionary Council and opposing General Suharto's authority. Suharto, however, has apparently already sent troops from Djakarta to deal with this situation.
3. Sukarno's health, whereabouts, and status remain unclear. Initially reported to be at his summer palace at Bogor, a lack of security precautions observed in that area would seem to indicate that he is not there. Unconfirmed press reports quote Sukarno's wife, Dewi, as saying, "My husband is safe."
4. Medan is also quiet, but rumors are spreading that the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI) and the army are preparing for a showdown. The US consul in Medan reports that army officers are planning to "clean up the PKI along with the Revolutionary Council." The officers are seeking any information of PKI complicity with the coup to publicly support army action against the PKI. The Soviet consul-general in Medan has a plane standing by that could be used for evacuation of Soviet citizens from Sumatra.
5. Public reaction to the Indonesian situation from the Communist world is sparse. So far, only Moscow newspapers are reporting the story and these articles are being written from US and French dispatches.

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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
(Report #6 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. FBIS carries a reported broadcast on Djakarta domestic radio by President Sukarno at approximately 1430 EDT, 2 October. In the broadcast, Sukarno states that he is safe, well, and carrying out the leadership of the country. He summoned all military commanders and Second Deputy-Premier Leimena to settle the "30 September incident immediately." Sukarno provisionally appointed General Pranoto to "discharge the daily tasks of the army" and General Suharto to "implement restoration of security." Following Sukarno's broadcast, Suharto stated that the army leadership was now directly in the hands of the President. We have no confirmation or collateral information on these broadcasts.

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2. Meanwhile, Djakarta is quiet: a curfew is in effect, the streets are deserted, and Suharto's troops hold all strategic installations. General Nasution is reported back in the capital at Suharto's headquarters. (The US has offered medical treatment and transportation for Nasution's youngest daughter who was seriously wounded when Lt. Col. Untung's men attempted to kidnap Nasution on the morning of 1 October.)

3. Thus far, there has been no known harassment of foreigners--including Americans--in Indonesia. The US Embassy, however, has been instructed to move out dependents by commercial means as conditions permit.

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